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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director (Intelligence)

**SUBJECT:** The Political and Social Outlook of  
the Soviet Officer Corps

1. In view of the absence today of [redacted]  
of your staff we undertook, at [redacted] request, to consult OCI  
[redacted] and ONE [redacted] on subject project. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised us that you will approve the project if consultation with  
[redacted] reveal no reason not to do so.

OCI [redacted] -- Advised us that project looks  
desirable; that OCI can provide monitor, but would like more  
time to decide which officer on their staff should undertake  
monitorship.

ONE [redacted] -- Recommends that the project be  
undertaken.

2. Inasmuch as OCI and ONE have offered no objection we have ad-  
vised [redacted] to go ahead with the project.

3. Attached for your information is the original correspondence  
and a redraft of the project with covering memorandum to the PRC Secre-  
tary for your signature.

4. May I add that since my earlier memorandum to you, same sub-  
ject, Mr. Bissell has advised me that Mr. Rockefeller's current interest  
in the vulnerability of the Soviet armed forces strengthens the justification  
for the project.

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JAMES O. REBER

Office of the Director

Planning and Coordination Staff

Attachments

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